

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 14, 2001

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, February 14, 2001 in the Commissioners Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. President Dillinger reconvened the meeting of February 12, 2001. Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner Steven A. Holt and Commissioner Sharon R. Clark were present.

Funding Priorities for County Road and Major Bridge Improvements:

Mr. Les Locke stated the Highway Department has looked at all the highway funds and looked at what was available for additional appropriations in 2001. Mr. Stevens stated this includes all the projects as instructed from the November meeting.

Fund #102 Highway:

Mr. Locke stated at this time they are recommending no additional uses of Fund #102 until we see what has happened during the winter to our overtime, fuel, salt and road deterioration impact. There will be \$849,572 left to use in 2001. We use Fund #102 for maintenance and personnel not for road projects.

Fund #112 Local Road and Street:

Mr. Locke stated there is \$1,486,473 available for additional in 2001. There is \$120,000 left from the 106th Street and Towne Road project. The project was programmed for \$600,000 which was let in 2000 and we transferred monies to get the project let. We do not need the full \$600,000, but we do need \$200,000 of the \$600,000 for contingency. We have a transfer request for another \$280,000 to fund right-of-way engineering and right-of-way services for 106th Street and College which means there is \$120,000 available in that line item. There is a total of \$1,606,473 available in Local Road and Street. We recommend 1) \$1,00,000 for 106th and College right-of-way. We will need to put the \$1 million in next year's budget, but it is not needed in the 2001 budget. It can be used for another purpose in 2001. Mr. Locke presented a detailed schedule for the 106th Street and College project. 2) U.S. 31 Frontage Road Study - Mr. Locke this is to put frontage roads north of SR 38 to the northern part of the county. That is not detailed in our Thoroughfare Plan. We are about to complete the interchange right-of-way studies to incorporate in the Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Locke stated we do not know the costs yet. There is money in the Plan Commission's budget of \$20,000 to pay for this study. Mr. Morasch stated he is having a meeting tomorrow and the amount will not go over too much what is budgeted. Clark asked how many miles does this encompass? Mr. Locke stated approximately 15 miles. Our goal would be to miss existing houses and make sure we don't land lock parcels. 3) Design of reconstruction of 236th Street from U.S. 31 to Cicero. The design costs only are \$465,000. Clark asked we have funded right-of-way, engineering and engineering services, what other money are we going to be expected to provide for 106th Street and College? Mr. Locke stated we will not need any money this year, we will have approximately \$1 million in right-of-way in 2002 and our 20% of \$1.5 million in 2003 for construction. Mr. Morasch stated we have to have the project let by October 2003. We have had a meeting with First Group Engineering and we have found a way to have less impact on the Home Place Tavern. We will formally send it to the commissioners next week for action at the next commissioner's meeting on what alternate you would like to take. Mr. Locke stated he does not think there is any more input that can be gathered to make the decision. It is a policy issue now. Mr. Morasch and Mr. Locke showed the commissioners the three alternate designs for 106th and College. Mr. Locke requested a decision be made at the next meeting so we can stay on schedule. Clark stated she does not support design of reconstruction of 236th from US 31 to Cicero. Clark stated at the retreat we heard design less and build more. Dillinger stated at the retreat the council said they wanted us to spend these monies on design, utility relocation and acquisition in order to bond the construction. Mr. Locke stated as far as projects to build, with the exceptions of intersections whether they are in Fall Creek or Clay Township, he thinks we will have all of our major projects built. Everything else is on hold that is currently in design. We won't have anything sitting in design that we don't have construction monies for. Clark stated we have lots of projects ready to go, but

we don't have the money for it. Mr. Stevens stated it was their understanding that the engineering on this is one of the things we are to proceed with. Dillinger stated this was on the priority list of the bond we were proposing to the Council.

Fund #120 Major Bridge:

Mr. Locke stated there is currently \$1,968,061 available for additional in Major Bridge. We anticipate \$1.4 million coming back from the 96th Street project in 2001. We over funded the county's share of the project. Mr. Locke stated they recommend 1) Bridge #208 - Field Drive over White River - \$868,094. This is a portion of the project, the balance will be out of Fund #156. 2) Bridge #207 - Logan Street over White River - \$1,100,100 for right-of-way, construction, construction inspection and utility relocation. 3) Bridge #191 - Olio Road over Geist preliminary engineering - \$260,000. Bridge #191 is currently budgeted in Cum Bridge. This could be budgeted out of Major Bridge. Mr. Locke would like direction from the commissioners on whether they want it taken out of Major Bridge or Cum Bridge. It does not effect Cum Bridge if it is left there. Mr. Stevens stated one of the definitions on Major Bridge is the size ie: to 200'. You also have to demonstrate that it provides a major impediment to the movement of commerce and people. Clark motioned to take it out of Cum Bridge and put it Major Bridge. Holt seconded. Holt asked where on the time line does this bridge fit, beyond engineering? Mr. Stevens stated that section of Olio Road is where the commissioners discussed the possibility of going to Washington and have that road identified as a high priority project. If we have federal funds, it could be soon. If we were to program this in Cum Bridge it would be a couple of years out. Mr. Locke stated this is the next bridge to go in the federal aid process. We will have to let another federal aid bridge to get this bridge in the program and this bridge is on the top in the Cum Bridge program. Clark asked if the Fall Creek bridge is a federal aid bridge? Mr. Locke stated yes, it is under design. It may not qualify for the Major Bridge fund. Clark stated she would like to see the Olio bridge under Major Bridge. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Locke stated we will begin construction on the Field Drive bridge this year and the Logan Street bridge should be constructed this year.

Fund #156 - 116th Street Bridge, 146th Street & Olio Road:

Mr. Locke stated Fund #156 is a Bond Fund. Series A - Major Bridge and Series B - COIT. The COIT money has been expended. The remaining amount is in Major Bridge, it has to be used on a Major Bridge project. Mr. Locke recommends using that money for Bridge #208, Field Drive over White River. The funds available are \$2,858,906.

Fund #159 - Olio Road, Strawtown, 116th Street Bridge Over Sand Creek:

Mr. Locke stated Fund #159 is a 1998 Bond money which is COIT. Funds available are \$1,348,927. There is \$293,705 of TIF money available in Fund #161. This would give us a total of \$1,642,632 of available funds. Mr. Locke recommended 1) \$498,500 for Olio Road 96th Street to Geist design engineering and right-of-way engineering and \$268,000 for 96th Street - Fall Creek to Olio Road design engineering or 2) \$3,150,00 for 96th Street & Towne Road intersection right-of-way and construction or 3) \$1,963,750 for 96th Street & Fall Creek/Mollenkopf intersection improvement. Holt asked if we have heard from Indianapolis? Mr. Locke stated we have not heard anything. Clark suggested we meet with Mayor Peterson. We initially asked for 50% participation and she thinks it is a little high. It would be more appropriate to request 25% participation for the right-of-way purchase and the construction of their leg. That is our road and our responsibility. Holt asked Mr. Stevens to call his counterparts in Greenwood and Johnson County regarding what Indianapolis' participation was on their projects. Holt stated he does not know how we can act on these recommendations before we meet with Indianapolis. Mr. Locke stated there are no western Clay items on this priority list. Clark stated Mayor Brainard has stated 96th Street and Towne is Carmel's first request. Clark stated Mollenkopf and 96th Street is also a necessity. Dillinger stated Mayor Brainard told him to start on Towne Road and when it is annexed Carmel will be doing Springmill. Dillinger and Clark agreed to do 96th & Towne and 96th and Mollenkopf. Dillinger motioned to make 96th Street & Towne and 96th Street and Mollenkopf, pending an interlocal agreement with Indianapolis on Mollenkopf, the priorities. Clark seconded. Dillinger stated we should do right-of-way, engineering, etc. and include them in a bond issue. Clark stated she opposes a bond issue. Holt stated the consensus with council was that we were not going to do a bond issue until we are ready to turn dirt.

Holt stated he thinks 96th Street and Olivo needs to be included. This intersection is most likely to remain in our system the longest. Mr. Stevens stated we have an interlocal with Hancock County for 96th Street and Olivo Road. Dillinger asked if there is a possibility to have an interlocal with Fishers for 96th Street and Mollenkopf? Mr. Locke stated yes. Dillinger stated our purpose is to consummate the prioritization to the council. Dillinger stated he is operating on the principle that we are setting these priorities with the thought that we are going to fund engineering, right-of-way and property acquisition in preparation of a construction bond issue to do them all. Clark stated when she talked to the council she heard no support for a bond issue. Holt stated it does not matter this afternoon because we can do all of this without a bond issue as long as we have proper cooperation from our partners. Clark stated if they do not participate 50% we will not get these two projects done and she can not support that because it is necessary to build them. Clark stated she does not have a problem supporting the design of those two projects. Dillinger restated his motion to proceed with our prioritization of items #1, #2, and #3. Holt seconded. Dillinger and Holt approved. Clark opposed. Motion carried. Clark stated she is opposed because if we do not have enough money to build #2 and #3 she can not support #1 nor can she support #3 under Local Road and Street. Those are all design projects, not construction projects. She is interested in building, we have sufficient design and engineering done to give some relief.

Fund #161 - 146th Street & US 31 Bridge:

Mr. Locke stated Fund #161, 146th Street & US 31 Bridge is TIF money we are using to offset 146th Street Contract #2 in the amount of \$293,705.

Fund #201 Cum Bridge:

Mr. Locke stated Fund #201 Cum Bridge. \$5,062,173. Mr. Locke stated he is comfortable with the fact if we get to pick up all the funds we were not allowed to encumber in 2000 we can still do that within the \$5 million. We need no action on Cum Bridge today.

Fund #282 Highway Inspection:

Mr. Locke stated no action is required for Fund #282 Highway Inspection.

Fund #282 Highway COIT:

Mr. Locke stated in Fund #282 Highway COIT there is \$970,296 available. Mr. Locke recommended \$500,000 for Hazel Dell Road, 146th Street to SR 32. Engineering estimates are \$1 million. It was assumed for this project to happen we would need an interlocal agreement with Noblesville for 50% participation. Dillinger stated we have proposed that to Noblesville and they are working on it. Clark protested using design money at this location when we may need it for construction.

Fund #900 146th Street Project:

Mr. Locke stated Fund #900, 146th Street Project has \$105,592 in funds available. Mr. Locke recommends utilizing it for 146th street contracts.

Summary:

Mr. Locke stated the Highway Department will be sharing this information with the County Council, we will immediately request an additional for the design and reconstruction of 236th Street from US 31 to Cicero. We will immediately request an additional for the Field Drive/White River Bridge line items. We will wait for the additional on Logan Street until we are closer to construction. We will immediately request an additional for Bridge #191. We will request an additional for Bridge #208, Field Drive Bridge. We will immediately request an additional for the Olivo Road, 96th Street to Geist and the 96th Street, Fall Creek to Olivo Road. We will wait on an additional on the Hazel Dell Road until we have an interlocal agreement with Noblesville. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Dillinger and Holt approved. Clark opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Present: APPROVED:

Sharon R. Clark, Commissioner HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner _____

Steven A. Holt, Commissioner

Robin M. Mills, Auditor _____

Michael Howard, Attorney

Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners _____

Kim Rauch, Executive Secretary to Auditor

Tom K. Stevens, Highway Director ATTEST:

Les Locke, Highway Engineer

Matt Morasch, Transportation Development Engineer _____

Emily Pittman, Ledger Robin M. Mills, Auditor